

## GIRL HELD UP AT OWN DOOR

Daughter of Wealthy Residents  
of West Side Answers Bell  
Ring and Is Robbed at Pistol's  
Point.

CLAIMED HE WAS SON  
OF A RICH PARENT.

Father Throws Desperate Man  
\$5 Bill—Butler of the Hurd  
Family Also a Victim of Rob-  
bers.

Miss Eva, the daughter of E. L. Shipman, of No. 33 West Seventy-sixth street, was held up in the hallway of her father's home by a shabbily dressed man with a revolver last Friday evening. She screamed in terror, summoning her father and brother. In fear that the threat of the desperado to kill the girl unless he got money would be carried out, Mr. Shipman tossed him a bank note. The man backed out the door, keeping these in the hall covered with his revolver, and escaped in the darkness.

The next evening two men, shabbily dressed, one answering the description of the Shipman visitor, rang the bell at the residence of Ebenezer Hurd at No. 39 West Eighty-sixth street. They covered the butler with revolvers, and a pet dog set up a barking that scared them off. Apparently there is a desperate gang of hold-up men at work in the fashionable upper west side section and residents of the neighborhood are careful about answering rings at the door.

With Pistol Holds Up Girl.

The Shipman family was at dinner when the doorbell rang a few nights ago. Miss Eva, who was expecting a personal message from a friend, went to the door in answer to the ring. When she threw open the door, instead of a messenger boy as she had expected she was confronted by a shabbily dressed young man about twenty-five years old, who thrust a pistol under her chin. The young woman thought it was a joke and she pushed the man's arm aside with a nervous laugh. The man with the weapon however, did not relish the funny part of it and manifested his heady earnestness by again covering the girl with his revolver and hoarsely crying:

"This ain't a joke, my lady. I want money and I want it now. I am a desperate man."

"I want money," said Vagabond. With a scream of fright the young woman almost fainted, but steadied herself against the wall. Her father and brother Raynor, who were in the library, came running out into the hall at the head of the stairs. They were dumfounded at seeing the apparent tramp holding the revolver in direct line with the young woman's head.

"I'll shoot her unless I get money," said the man before either of the Shipman men could inquire the trouble.

"How much do you want?" asked Mr. Shipman, fearing each instant that the vagabond would carry out his threat before he could be placated.

"I want money," he repeated in desperate tones. "I don't care how much, but I want it."

Mr. Shipman hurriedly took a \$5 bill from his purse and, crumpling it into a ball, dropped it over the balustrade.

Threatens to Kill Shipman.

The man moved toward it, never once allowing his revolver to drop from the line he first held it. The man picked the bill up and backed toward the door. As he reached it he turned and said:

"I have been driven to this, mister. My father's home is as good as this, but was thrown out of it and I am a desperate man. If you tell the police about this I will come back and blow your brains out."

The hold-up at the Hurd home happened Saturday night, and the same tactics as at the Shipman home were employed.

In answer to the ring at the Hurd door, at No. 39 West Eighty-sixth street, about 6:30 Saturday evening, William, the colored butler, swung wide the door, expecting his mistress to greet him.

Thrust Pistol in Butler's Face.

Two men, one described as stockily built, wearing a black mustache, and the other somewhat taller and of about the same description as to age and general appearance as the young man at the Shipman home, were at the door.

The short man thrust his revolver in the face of the butler.

"Don't say a word or I will kill you," came the command. "Now go to the dining-room," was the next order, and the butler, nearly scared to death, complied.

"Are any of the family home?" inquired the men, both of whom wore "fancy" masks.

"Yes, sir," said William in a trembling voice, and just at that moment a fine cocker spaniel dog, the pet of the household, rushed into the dining-room and began to bark. The burglars were somewhat frightened by the dog's continuous barking.

Spaniel Scared Off Burglars.

There was no quelling the spaniel, and the burglars finally thought that a retreat was necessary. Fording the butler at the points of their pistols, the men marched into the hallway and ordered him to climb the stairs, which he did with alacrity. Glancing nervously around, and still pursued by the barking spaniel, they slouched to the front door and slipped out into the night, without having gotten anything in their quest.

As the door closed the courage of William returned, and he rushed to the front second story window and very lustily called:

"Burglars, thieves, robbers, murderers, and everything he could think of. The neighborhood was in a state of frenzy when they heard the cries, and men rushed from the surrounding residences. An investigation showed that the burglars had left the neighborhood, having obtained no loot.

No Record on Police Blotter.

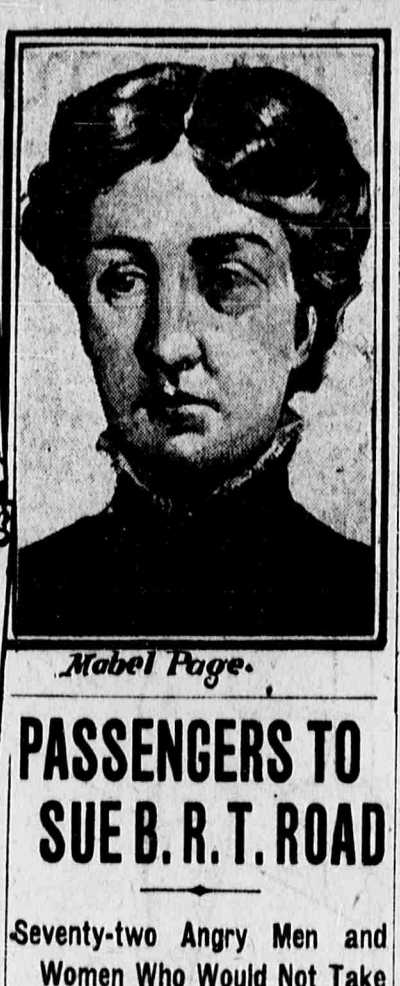
Although Miss Shipman asserts that she reported the visit of the desperado to the West Eighty-sixth street station-house by telephone and in person, there is no record of the occurrence on the blotter. Capt. Cooney, who was transferred recently to the precinct, said that the first he heard of either the Shipman or Hurd hold-ups was to-day.

It appears that Sgt. Rehan was on the desk on the day when Miss Shipman called. He was very ill with the grip, having a high fever. When relieved that evening he went home and has been sick in bed ever since. It is supposed he forgot to make a record of the report.

## CHARLES L. TUCKER, ON TRIAL FOR HIS LIFE, AND MISS MABEL PAGE, WHO WAS MURDERED



Charles Tucker



Mabel Page.

## PASSENGERS TO SUE B. R. T. ROAD

Seventy-two Angry Men and  
Women Who Would Not Take  
Car Ahead Forced to Make  
Double Journey.

Seventy-two passengers on a Coney Island train bound for New York, among them twelve women, decided early to-day to test the "no-car ahead" law despite the risks of the weather and the freezing temperature of the cars.

The train was due in New York at 8:30, but had been delayed by the storm. When it reached the Franklin avenue station on Fulton street the crowd decided that the train had gone far enough and had better go back.

The passengers were firmly advised to change cars. The guards didn't know when another train would be along, but hoped one would appear before noon.

The station was snowbound and ice-bound and the stove had gone out. Though the blight of the cold could be felt in the cars, the communal warmth of the passengers had contributed a little to subdue it. One of them suggested that they stay. He got up and made a little speech, a warm little speech, that soon had all of his fellow-sufferers glowing with purpose.

They voted to remain and declared their intention to the train crew.

This didn't faze the crew. They switched the train onto the other track and shot her back to Coney Island. The conductor stuck his head in the door on the way down and suggested extra fares. Several of the men beckoned to him to come in and get them, but when he looked at sixty grim faces and sixty pairs of clinched fists he decided to remain aloof.

Down to Coney Island and back again, this time to New York, went the seventy-two public-spirited men and women. During the journey a collection of \$2 each was taken up in the car. This money will be used as a fund with which to sue the B. R. T.

VICTIM OF THE STORM.

YORK, Pa., Jan. 4.—Frank Grim was caught in the snowdrift at Hanover last night. When found this morning he was in a dying condition. He expired on the train while being taken to the City Hospital, this city.

## ROBBERY WAS MURDER MOTIVE

Prosecutor in Bitter Arraign-  
ment Declares He Will Fasten  
the Killing of Miss Page on  
Young Tucker.

PRISONER, CALM, FOLLOWS  
TESTIMONY CLOSELY.

He Looked in Vain for His  
Mother and Relatives, Who  
Were Not Permitted to Enter  
Court.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Jan. 4.—The trial of Charles L. Tucker, charged with the murder of Mabel Page, was resumed in the Superior Court here to-day, with Francis H. Kendall, a civil engineer, on the stand.

Mr. Kendall was called in the line of an expert, and testified regarding a map of the territory surrounding the scene of the murder and the plan of the rooms of the Page house, which he had drawn at the request of the Government.

It has been arranged that the daily sessions of court shall be from 9:30 o'clock in the morning until 5 o'clock in the afternoon, with an intermission from 1 to 2 o'clock for luncheon. To-day it was intended to hold a shorter session, taking an early adjournment out of respect to the memory of the late Chief Justice Mason, of the Superior Court.

Tucker Looks for Mother.

Tucker, escorted by two deputy sheriffs, entered the court room at 9:25 this morning. The only concern which he seemed to show was with reference to the absence of his parents and brother, who were excluded from the court-room late yesterday because of the possibility that their continued presence might tend to prejudice the jury. Tucker's eyes wandered several times to the places they had occupied during the time before court opened.

The prisoner, who maintained his composure, followed the evidence closely and commented on various points brought out, discussing them quietly with his counsel.

Theft the Motive.

After a brief and technical cross-examination the witness Kendall was dismissed, and the name of Edward Page, father of the murdered woman, was called. Adjournment at 12:45 out of respect for Chief Justice Mason, however, prevented him from beginning his testimony.

Before adjournment it was announced that court would sit on Saturdays during the trial. At the request of Attorney-General Parker for a ruling, the Court approved the admissibility as evidence by the Commonwealth of sale slips alleged to have been made out by Tucker when he was employed by a Boston firm of stationers.

Following the visit by the jury to the scene of the crime in Weston yesterday afternoon the Government's case was opened in the afternoon by District Attorney George A. Sanderson. In an address which occupied an hour and a half the District Attorney accused Tucker of having murdered Miss Page

and declared the motive to have been robbery. Under the fire of Mr. Sanderson's accusations Tucker never flinched, and during the whole session of court he maintained the absolute calm which has characterized his demeanor since the trial opened.

The prosecution is relying chiefly on convicting Tucker on a stick pin. This is of Canadian design, dentured in two places, and was the property of Miss Mabel Page, the murdered girl. The State claims it was found in Tucker's coat pocket after his arrest. It was in this same pocket that the police found the pieces of the broken hunting knife with which it is alleged he stabbed the girl to death.

Paper an Evidence.

The pin, it is said, was bought in Canada by Mrs. Freeman, Mabel Page's sister.

The dents are most important. Amy Roberts, the Page servant, has identified this pin as the property of Miss Page. She will swear that she cleaned the pin the day before Miss Page was killed, and that Miss Page warned her to be careful about pushing it back into the pin cushion, because it was already bent in two places.

The District Attorney claims that Tucker had gone to the Page home for the purpose of robbery and that when he was detected by Miss Page he killed her with a knife.

Another piece of evidence considered important is a slip of paper bearing the signature of J. L. Morton, Charlestown, Mass. The prosecutor says that handwriting experts will be called to testify that it is identical with sales slips Tucker made out when employed by a Boston stationer. He adds Miss Page's pocketbook was known to contain at least \$12 before the murder, and only thirty-six cents was found in it after the crime. Mr. Sanderson said it would appear that a few days after the murder Tucker displayed a \$10 bank-note, and that a similar note was in the murdered woman's purse.

BEAVERS TRIAL DELAYED.

Postponed Until April 1 and Hall of \$10,000 Continues.

George W. Beavers, now under several federal indictments for alleged frauds in the Post Office department, appeared with his counsel to-day in the United States District Court, Brooklyn, before Judge Thomas.

The hearing was adjourned to April 1 to allow trial on several indictments to take place in Wilmington.

The bail of \$10,000 was continued.

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NAPKINS.....\$2.20, 2.90, 3.25, 3.50, 5.00 dozen  
HUCK TOWELS (Hemmed) \$1.50, 2.00, 2.40, 2.90, 3.00 "

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CHILDREN'S SCHOOL HATS—Value \$1.00; at.....25c

LADIES' READY-TO-WEAR HATS—Value \$2.50; at.....48c

COQUE POMPONS—Value 48c and 75c; at.....10c, 25c

FANCY BREST WINGS—Value 75c; at.....25c

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## BOARD TO RULE CORPORATIONS

Exception Powers Given to  
Proposed New Bureau Which  
Is to Supervise Trusts—Bill  
Introduced in the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—A national board to exercise supervision and control over corporations is provided for in a bill introduced in the Senate to-day by Senator Heyburn.

It is proposed that Congress create a new department of the Government, to exist in connection with the Department of Commerce and Labor, to be known as the "National Board of Corporations."

This board shall consist of five persons, four to be nominated by the President, for terms of four years each, at salaries of \$5,000 annually, and the fifth member shall be the Secretary of the Department of Commerce and Labor.

Authority for greater than that enjoyed by the department now entrusted with the regulation of securities, trusts and monopolies will be given to the National Board of Corporations.

BLIND MAN IS  
BADLY BEATEN

Daniel White, City Employee,  
Queens Borough, Picked Up  
with Skull Fractured—Man  
with Whom He Lived Arrested

Daniel White, blind, employed in the sewer department of Queens borough, is in St. John's Hospital, Long Island City, with a fractured skull as the result of a blow. There are contusions on the old man's body that indicate he was beaten brutally. He is unconscious.

Michael Stuart, many years younger than White, with whom he lived at No. 125 Eighth street, has been arrested by the police because of statements made by persons in the house. They assert that the old man was struck inside and staggered outside and fell where he was picked up and sent to the hospital. Stuart says he knows nothing of how the man received his injuries.

White was a sewer inspector when, some years ago, he received injuries in an explosion while examining a sewer. Since then he has been working for the city. At one time he was prominent in the turbulent politics of Long Island City when Pat Gleason added to the gaiety of the place before it became a part of the greater city.

REDUCTION OF WAGES.

Steel Workers Get Less, Though  
They Were Promised More.

(Special to The World.)

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 4.—Instead of receiving an advance in wages, as has been expected, and had partially been promised, the tonnage men, Jones & Laughlin, have made individual contracts with tonnage workers in the finishing mills, and a reduction averaging 22 per cent. has been made. The tonnage men on the big bar mills that have been getting ten cents a ton were reduced to seven and eight cents a ton.

The same job previous to the strike several years ago in this plant paid 14 cents a ton. The men then worked eight-hour turns. Last summer the company increased the turns to twelve hours a day and reduced the wages. At that time, the men say, the officials said that the reduction was only temporary, that as soon as the price of steel advanced the pay would again be advanced. In the mean time the men point to the fact that the price of steel has advanced 5c a ton.

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## SWEPT TO DEATH BY SNOW PLOUGH

Brooklyn Conductor Is Mortally  
Hurt by Getting Caught in the  
Revolving Chain of Broom of  
Sweeper.

Caught in the revolving chain of the broom of a Bergen street trolley line snow plough this afternoon, Carroll Betz, a conductor, of No. 227 Reid avenue, Brooklyn, was swept along the street for a block, while a horrified crowd of men and women called to the motorman to stop.

The noise of the whirling brooms drowned the shouts of those who saw the conductor's terrible plight, and not until the motorman reached a switch, which compelled him to turn off the current, did he know that he had been dragging his partner to death.

The snow plough had to be backed up from the rails before Betz could be removed from among the rushes of the snow broom.

An ambulance removed Betz to St. Mary's Hospital, where it is said he has but a few hours to live.

## BEGGARS HE MET WERE ROBBERS

Men to Whom Actor Sinnott  
Gave Small Change Held Him  
Up at Ninety-third Street and  
Central Park West.

William Sinnott, an actor, who lives at No. 60 West One Hundred and First street, was held up and robbed at Ninety-third street and Central Park West early to-day, by two men, to whom just a few minutes before he had given money.

Sinnott came across town through Central Park on the Eighty-sixth street crosstown line. When the car emerged from the park on the west side it got stalled in the storm, and rather than wait, Sinnott got out and started to walk up to One Hundred and First street. At the corner of Ninety-second street two men approached him and asked for assistance. Sinnott took what change he had from his pockets and gave it to them. They thanked him and he started away.

A block further on, one of the men, he says, crept up behind him and thrust his arms around his neck. While the man held him in this position, he says, the other went through his pockets, extracting \$20 in money, a diamond ring and his gold watch and chain. The men then ran away.

There was no policeman anywhere in sight at the time, he says, although he cried as loudly as he could for assistance.

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